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DROUGHT CONDITION IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether KBK districts in Orissa are prone to drought; and

(b) if so, the action plan initiated or proposed to be initiated to assist the farmers in these drought prone districts to combat drought situation during 2003-2004?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): The Planning Commission has initiated a Special Plan for all round development ofKBK Districts under the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojna to cater to the various developmental needs of the KBK Districts of Orissa including the problem of recurrent droughts in the region through development of agriculture. While this years`s out-lay is Rs.100 crores the Plan for 2003-04 is yet to be approved.